

REMARKS

The Office Action of December 26, 2007 was received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

Claims 1-6 and 13-18 were pending prior to the instant amendment. By this amendment, claim 1 is amended, claims 2-6 and 13-18 are canceled herein, and new claims 19-35 are added to recite additional features of the present invention to which Applicants are entitled. Consequently, claims 1 and 19-35 are currently pending in the instant application.

New claims 19-35 are also added to recite additional features of the present invention to which Applicants are entitled. Consideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4 and 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Arao et al., (Patent No. US 6,639,265 B2 – hereinafter Arao). This rejection is traversed as to claim 1 for the reasons addressed below. The rejection is rendered moot as to claims 4 and 13-17.

Claim 1 is amended herein to recite a liquid crystal display device comprising a substrate, a base film comprising a photocatalyst and a TFT formed over the base film. A projection comprising a conductive material is formed over at least one of a drain electrode and a source electrode of the TFT with an insulating film formed over the TFT. The device further includes a pixel electrode connected to the projection wherein the projection has a stacked structure.

Applicants contend that the cited reference to Arao fails to disclose this combination of features. As a result, this rejection should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 2-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arao, embodiment 7, FIGS. 22A-22D (Patent No. US 6,639,265 B2 – hereinafter Arao) in view of Arao, embodiment 6, FIGS. 16-19 and 21. This rejection is considered moot by the cancellation of claims 2-3 and 5.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claim 1 be allowed, that new claims 19-35 be allowed and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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